

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

U.S.A.,

-against-

TERRY J. ALBURY,

Defendant.

18 CR 67 (WMW)

SUPPLEMENT TO POSITION ON SENTENCING  
ON BEHALF OF TERRY ALBURY:  
ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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The Honorable Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright  
U.S. District Judge, District of Minnesota  
United States District Court,  
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RE: Sentencing of Terry James Albury

Dear Judge Wright:

My name is Sothy Minh. I am a small business owner of restaurants and real estate in Shakopee, Minnesota, and I am writing this letter in regards to Terry Albury.

I met Terry about eight years ago, while he and his wife had a short layover here in Minnesota on their way to Chicago. From the moment I met him, I knew he was a respectable and wholesome person. His move from California to Minnesota brought him into my family and changed our lives for the better and in those mere six years he brought my family and my siblings closer than ever.

Terry is a strong-minded and strong-willed person who has deep faith in what he believed in and worked hard in every aspect of his life. Whether it was helping out the less fortunate, potty training his kids, working, or standing up for his and his family's options and rights, Terry always put in one hundred percent in everything. Toilet training his oldest, Mealea, was hilarious to watch, as even after working long hours, he would come home, set a timer for every twenty minutes, and was able to almost single-handedly toilet train his daughter while working full time due to his determination and his strong will.

I know that Terry and his family are very aware of his transgressions and are very aware of its effect on their lives and also the lives of others. In the eight years that I have known Terry, I have learned that Terry is a wholesome person who is nice and caring to everyone he comes in contact with. In my opinion, this was a one-time transgression and he acknowledges that it was wrong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SKM' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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RE: Sentencing of Terry James Albury

Dear Judge Wright:

My name is Ohnarith Minh. My wife and I both own several restaurants and are property owners here in Minnesota. Before becoming fully self-employed, I worked at Seagate Technology for over twenty-five years as a Senior Technician.

Terry came into my family's life about eight years ago when he had a layover in Minnesota with my wife's cousin, his wife, Somala, and my brother-in-law was showing him around the city for the day. The moment I met him, I knew that he would be a part of the family for a long time and I was correct.

Terry is someone who is very aware of who he is desires self-acceptance in himself and wants everyone around him to learn to love themselves. Terry was very proud of his background. He wanted his kids, who are bi-racial, to understand where their ancestry came from and be proud of their roots. He wanted his kids to be immersed in their culture and never wanted them to fall victim of racism or being ashamed of their culture. I know he spoke to my children about those same things because he felt as it was that important in life.

Terry, when he lived in Minnesota, was one my closest friends because of what a kind and funny person he is. When he wanted to be serious, he was serious and extremely passionate about what he believed in. When he wanted to open his home to others, he was so generous and loved to see the positives in everything. I was very surprised to hear about Terry's situation and believe that it must be a one-time thing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ohnarith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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RE: Sentencing of Terry James Albury

Dear Judge Wright:

I am writing this letter in regards to Terry J. Albury. I have known Terry for ten years. In those ten years, Terry served as an integral part of my immediate family. I met Terry when visiting his soon-to-be wife, Somala, and her family in San Jose, California. After marrying Somala, Terry quickly became part of the family here in Minnesota, especially after he picked up his family and moved to Shakopee, Minnesota, to give them all a chance for a better life.

Terry's love of his family and his deep faith in everything he believes in have all been huge sources of strength in his life, especially in the past few months. My fondest memory of Terry was when he was speaking to me about my relationship with my parents and how we are not very affectionate people. Terry then told me that he did not understand that and wanted to be able to hug his kids every day and tell them that he loved them every night because he wanted them to know that no matter what, they were loved and cherished. I witnessed this throughout the years while he worked long hours and still managed to make it home and spend time with not only his family, but also my immediate and extended family, putting time and effort in things that mattered to him most, which was making his family a priority. With the Alburys in our lives, our immediate and extended family in Minnesota became closer than ever and I can only believe that was due to Terry and his family joining us and making us see life in a different way.

Terry has relied upon these pillars during the course of these proceedings. Whatever happens, afterwards, he knows that he has the support of his family in California and even his extended family here in Minnesota to stand by him in his time of need, just like he has stood by us in the last ten years. Terry plead guilty for his criminal offense and understands the severity of his actions. While his actions have turned his life upside down, I am sure that because of the love of his family and his strong will, he will be able to make it through whatever the future holds for him. Based on what I have learned about Terry in the past ten years, Terry has been a decent, hardworking and trustworthy person. I believe his behavior was a one-off event and he understands how this will affect him and his family for the rest of his life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley R. Minh'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Ashley' being more prominent and the last name 'Minh' following in a similar style.

Ashley R. Minh

Your honor,

My name is Aaron Montero and I live in Atlanta, GA with my partner and soon-to-be two kids. We are expecting our daughter, Nora, to arrive sometime at the end of November or early December. I am writing this letter in support of Terry Albury in the hopes that my words, along with those of others that have known Terry, provide you with insight into a person we believe to be a good man.

I first met Terry Albury when he, along with his brother and sister, came to Mountain Mission School (MMS) back in the early 1990's. His brother Haile was a classmate of mine and although Terry and I were friendly, we really weren't close friends as I was a couple of grades ahead of him and hung out with different groups of friends. College was a different story however. At Berea College, Terry and I quickly became good friends and spent quite an amount of time together doing different things like studying, playing video games, working out, or just hanging out together amongst a larger group of friends.

Now you may ask yourself what was different about college? Well, for starters, MMS was mostly comprised of disadvantaged inner city kids from all over the US. Most of us were kids from poor immigrant families with diverse backgrounds from far-flung places like Colombia all the way to Ethiopia, living in different US cities, and all coming together in the small mountain town of Grundy, Virginia for a chance at a good education in a safe environment. At the time, MMS and Berea College had an arrangement in place where MMS students had an open invitation to attend Berea College if they met the requirements and had an interest in pursuing higher education. Needless to say, for many MMS students like myself and Terry, this was our best opportunity to go to college and we took it.

Once at Berea, MMS students gravitated towards each other, even if we hadn't been close friends when in high school. I guess this was the result of our commonalities and the fact that we were all in a new and different environment. At Berea, Terry was immediately a different person: he was focused, hardworking, and determined. He was different from the unfocused kid I remembered from MMS; it was as if a switch had gone off in Terry that made him realize the opportunity just handed to him and that if he wanted to get ahead in life he would need to become a better all-around person, including academics and personal responsibility.

One of my greatest memories of Terry early on in Berea had to do with his discipline – that was one of his characteristics that immediately stood out. Terry made sure he dedicated time to his school work, even if it meant missing out on a good party. He never missed work. He taught himself to cut hair and save us money. Being his workout partner, his discipline benefited me as well because Terry insisted we never miss a workout as this, he feared, could lead to us eventually start foregoing our daily routine. I knew then if Terry kept this up he would be successful in life.

Unfortunately, Terry and I had a falling out from an incident involving his brother from which we never recovered prior to me graduating. However, I've always known from afar that Terry was doing really well personally and professionally because I routinely asked our mutual friend, Filmon Belay, about him. But, I also wasn't surprised when I found out that Terry would also occasionally ask about me and my family because that is the person I remember. You see, I had a front row seat to the person Terry was becoming a long time ago, and it didn't surprise me when I heard he joined the FBI because he felt he could make a difference that way. I was also not surprised he became a great FBI agent, husband to his wife and a father to his two kids. And, I was also not surprised to find out that Terry felt compelled to take action when he felt he needed to, putting his life and that of his family at risk for what he believed to be the greater good. Now, I can't sit here and tell you that what Terry did is right or wrong, but what I can tell you is that the person I remember would only do this because he felt a moral obligation to do so.

Sincerely,

/s/

Aaron Montero